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special education. I think this does it coupled with 761. I think we are out of the woods. I would ask you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote on the amendment. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Frank Lewis as follows: Read amendment. See page 862, Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, this is the program for the Education Commission of the States. Let me explain the situation here. Nebraska, by compact, is a member of the Education Commission of the States. Last year the Governor vetoed the appropriations for the Education Commission of the States. The compact, and you can read that, and I will provide the statutes for you, say that we may get out of that organization any time we want to. If we give them the proper lead time to get out. We are involved with a compact that is not unilateral. The Governor did veto it last year in terms of, and he would have to speak for his reasons and I certainly don't want to say that, but this body has appointed me as a member of that Commission and we have a commitment there until we withdraw from the compact and I think it is absolutely necessary that we do those things with our sister states that are legitimate in terms of agreements that we have signed with them. If the body wishes us not to be involved in the membership of the Education Commission of the States, there is an orderly process for withdrawal but we cannot, in good conscience in dealing with the other states, unilaterally withdraw by failure of appropriation. This is money that is duly owed, an obligation that we entered into by statutes and we can only withdraw by statutes and within the proper lead time and I would ask you to put this \$14,000 back in.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I wonder how many members of the Legislature understands the membership of the Education Commission of States. This is supposed to be a cooperative effort on the part of Governors, Legislators and educators combined together to meet periodically with the organization that is housed in Denver, Colorado. I was on the steering committee for a couple of years until I became too much of a rebel and was thrown out. We either ought to use the facilities of this group, and I think some others who are on the Commission ought to stand up and indicate whether it is worth \$14,000. If it isn't, we ought to get out. I think the Governor took it out of the last budget. I think we either ought